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SPINNING AT THE WHEEL

3 accidents involving BMTC buses caused 3 deaths in east division

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For BMTC bus driver Suresh, a normal day starts at 5 o'clock in the morning. For six days a week, he wakes up for 12-hour-long shifts during which he is in charge of ferrying passengers around the city.

Suresh gets into the driver's seat at 6:15 am and starts the day-long journey traversing the same 28 bus stations over and over again.

Suresh, in his early forties, drives for almost 72 hours a week, with just one day off for himself and his family. He earns around Rs 25,000 a month.

Throughout a typical work day, he gets 5-10-minute-long breaks at bus terminals, which he uses to go to the restroom, eat the home-cooked meal out of his tiffin box, and have the occasional cup of tea.

The term 'lunch break' seemed unfamiliar to Suresh. With long working hours and a tight schedule, his job is no doubt a stressful one.

Of late, increasing road accidents involving Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses have become a cause of concern for the authorities. So now, BMTC employees like Suresh are being subjected to stress management training sessions.

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Last month, a road accident occurred when a BMTC bus ran over a pillion rider of a motorcycle on Mysuru Road. Police suspected the cause to be overspeeding and negligence coupled with poor road conditions. In the past, BMTC authorities have organised several programmes such as training and counselling for drivers to tackle

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> **"There are almost 10,000 drivers and bus conductors; only once or twice a year stress management training is conducted by BMTC**
>
> — MN Sreehari, traffic expert

THE Trial

MBA student who gave exam in 2016 still waiting for BU to announce result

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It seems Bangalore University (BU) is not prompt in announcing results of its various courses. Some of the students have been visiting the BU campus religiously to know their fate. However, BU authorities, as usual, remain apathetic.

For instance, L Kiran Kumar from Ejipura near Viveknagar has been running pillar to post to know the result of his third semester MBA course. Kumar attended the exam for the Fashion Design paper in December 2016 and has been waiting for BU to announce the result for the last seven years.

"Fashion Design was an optional paper for me in the third semester of MBA. I visited the BU campus to enquire when the result of the Fashion Design paper will be announced. The BU authorities are not giving convincing answers. They merely said that they will look into the matter," said Kumar.

He told BM that he had also taken his wife to the BU campus to enquire about the result but in vain. "My parents have also visited the BU campus expecting a

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 A wild time!

Magnitude Gallery has opened its doors to exhibit a new collection of paintings by talented artists under the theme, 'Junglee – Magnificently Wild'. This vibrant exhibition cum sale has artworks that depict majestic wild animals ie: tigers, leopards, elephants in their natural habitat. They are sure to enchant you with their interplay of colours, moods & styles and comprise of vibrant birds & animals. **Where: Magnitude Gallery, Jayanagar When: Till June 30; Contact: 9900117201**

02 A soulful journey

Check out a special art exhibit called 'Jab Rooh Ne Parwaaz Ki' (When the soul took off) by artist Badrunissa Irfan. The art does not just speak the language of her heart but also brings forth her unforgettable life experiences. It also brought her closer to herself and aided as a stop in the journey of life at a bright and colourful place. Through the unique collection, the viewers will get an opportunity to appreciate nature's beauty.
Where: Galleria, 8th floor, UB City When: Till June 30, 5:30 pm

03 Culture fest, near you

CMR University is all set to organise an inter-college festival, CMRIT Cultura-22. The two-day cultural & technical fest will involve participation with a record 10,000+ students expected to participate in 50+ contests across twelve categories. Over 10,000 engineering and management students from across the country will be unleashing their talent during these two days. Besides these, Coffee with Cultura: a trademark programme by CMRIT, will witness the presence of prominent personalities from the Kannada film industry. **Where: CMR University, ITPL Main Road When: June 24, 25**

COMED-K merger proposal gets a lukewarm response

Plan to conduct only CET from next year invites disapproval from COMED-K authorities; students say they're cautious

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A day after the State Government announced that they were planning merging of the Consortium of Medical Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMED-K) entrance test with the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET), authorities of COMED-K have voiced complete disapproval at the idea.

The decision to merge the two entrance tests was taken at a meeting between Minister for Higher Education, Dr CN Ashwath Narayan and the Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges Association (KUPECA) on Wednesday. It was also decided that CET will be conducted at all-India level.

Dr S Kumar, COMED-K executive secretary, said that they were not a part of the meeting. "We were not invited for the discussion and there is no merger according to us."

The organisation had several reasons for dissenting, they said. "COMED-K was based on three very important judgments by the Supreme Court: the TMA Pai, the PA Inamdar, and the Islamia judgment. According to these, colleges in certain categories were allowed to come together and have their own process of admission. Secondly, COMED-K conducted examinations without any kind of reservation.

"KEA (Karnataka Examination Authority), on the other hand, has domicile reservation, caste-based reservation and all kinds of other reservation processes. We conduct COMED-K across 250 cities but KEA has been conducting exams only in Karnataka," Dr Kumar said.

He further added that KEA conducts examinations in offline mode whereas COMED-K had shifted to online mode five years ago -- another reason why merging the two wouldn't work.

Authorities said that CET is held offline while COMED-K is online which could be a problem for students

Students say

If implemented, this move may be beneficial to the many engineering aspirants, however, some students said they were cautious.

Suresh Kumar, a II PU student said, "If it is one test for all the engineering courses, it will be beneficial for the students as we have to write multiple tests"

However, Shireesh R, another II PU student, added that this new plan requires them to wait and watch. "It used to be a common test for all the colleges. However, then there was a tug-of-war between the government and private colleges and this was when a section of private colleges refused to consider CET scores and formed COMED-K to conduct a separate under-graduate entrance test."

> **"If it's one test for engineering courses, it will be beneficial**
> – Suresh Kumar, II PU student

Some parents were in favour of the move. Arun K, father of a PU student, said, "I think this will benefit the students and save their time and energy. I hope other private colleges that conduct their own entrance examinations can also join this."

10% hike in engineering fee

The engineering courses are set to become expensive as the fee will be hiked by 10 per cent. Narayan said, "The private colleges also agreed not to collect any other fees except a 10 per cent hike on the existing fee. The fee hike is applicable to those students who have been allotted government seats in private engineering colleges."

According to him, KUPECA representatives said that they would support the government and take action against those who collect an extra fee by other means. The new fee structure will come into force for students attending CET counselling shortly.

Your child feeling blue? Check for HFM infections

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With children back in schools and covid restrictions eased, city hospitals are reporting an increase in cases of hand, foot, and mouth (HFM) disease among children. The HFM disease is a common infection in children that causes sores called ulcers inside or around their mouth and a rash or blisters on their hands, feet, legs, or buttocks. It can be painful, but it isn't serious.

Now, as children are in close contact with each other, increase in cases of HFM are being reported.

Dr Mahesh Kumar, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Narayana Health City said that it was highly contagious and spreads in places like playgrounds and nurseries. Due to weather change, they saw five to seven patients last week in the OPD.

"The child begins to show symptoms after two days of getting infected. The symptoms start as red rashes and develop into blisters. This is usually confined to the hand, feet and mouth and rarely spread to the other part of the body. This illness can also be accompanied by symptoms such as fever, nausea, vomiting, fatigue and sometimes irritability." Speaking on similar lines, Dr Harish Kumar, Consultant - Paediatrics & Paediatric Intensive Care, Aster CMI Hospital, pointed out that the disease is highly contagious caused by enteroviruses such as Coxsackie virus A16 (CVA16) and Enterovirus 71 (EV71).

"It tends to peak during warmer climates. Higher temperature potentially enhances virus activity of HFMD and increases outdoor activities of children. It predominantly affects children under 5 years of age," said Dr Kumar.

Initially, the child develops high fever, loss of appetite, and may complain of a sore throat, explained Dr Rajath Athreya, Senior Consultant and HOD,Paediatrics and Neonatology, Sakra World Hospital.

"Parents may notice ulcers in the mouth, spots and blisters on hands, feet and buttocks. Very young kids (less than 5 years of age) may tire out and become more unwell; older ones usually have a milder course although the rash and ulcer can take up to a week to go down."

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

In terms of treatment, Dr Athreya said that the pain would subside with paracetamol or ibuprofen. Keeping kids well-hydrated with fluids and sometimes using oral gels on painful ulcers would also work.

Practicing hand hygiene is important, stated health professionals. Keeping one's hands clean by washing them with soap and water before eating and after going to the toilet and avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth quite often is also important, they said.

A cold Thursday in rainy June in Bengaluru

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Despite predictions of a good monsoon, it has so far been a 'below average' monsoon in the State. However, Namma Bengaluru has received excess rainfall in the first month of the South West Monsoon. According to the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) data, Bengaluru receives an average rainfall of 87 mm in June. However, till Thursday (June 23), Bengaluru has received 198.8 mm of rainfall already. If it continues to rain further, this month may become one of the wettest Junes. So far this month, the city has received 123 mm of excess rainfall. Interestingly, rainfall is more in HAL and Kempegowda International Airport area. For HAL airport, the average June rainfall is 76.3 mm. But, this year, 249.3 mm of rainfall has been reported in June (182 mm of excess rainfall). KIA has received 253.8 mm of rainfall in June so far.

A Met expert said, "The city has received a good amount of rain both in pre-monsoon showers as well as monsoon showers. Generally, it receives good rainfall in July, August and September. We need to see how the monsoon progresses. Last year, the city had received excess rainfall."

Cold Thursday

Thursday was a relatively 'cold' day as well. The city's day temperature had dipped to 26.2 degree C which was three degrees below normal. The minimum temperature was 20.4 degree C. Under the influence of an off-shore trough, a middle-level cyclonic circulation over East central Arabian Sea off Maharashtra coast and strong westerly winds along the west coast in lower troposphere levels, the IMD has predicted generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers till June 29.

BBMP survey

The BBMP will conduct a re-survey of houses that were damaged during the recent rainfall. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said the survey will be completed in 48 hours.

Tremors in State

Many parts of the State experienced tremors on Thursday. According to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, "An earthquake

City has so far received 123 mm excess rain in this month; rainfall is more in HAL and KIA area

of magnitude 3.4 was recorded in Hassan with epicentre being 0.8 km north-north east of Malugunahalli village, Nagaranahalli gram panchayat, Holenarasipur. As the epicentre falls in Seismic Zone II, the chances of occurrence of earthquakes is very less and the possibility of damage is low.

Key road connecting Nallurahalli Main Rd to IT corridor can't even be called a road

KAUSHIK JN

BBMP will get to work here as soon as BWSSB is done

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This is the story of a road with deep potholes and slush which makes your vehicle turn brown irrespective of its original colour. Mind you, only vehicles with good suspension can attempt passing by this road without getting stuck. The rooad is one of the quicker ways to get from Nallurahalli Main Road to other prime roads such as ITPL, Brookefield, Kundalahalli, Vydehi hospital, Mahadevapura, or Graphite Junction.

This road is the New Temple Road of Nallurahalli, and has been in the same condition for a year.

More than 2,500 vehicles pass on this slush-ridden stretch every day in order to avoid traffic jams on the parallel main road. There are no streetlights or pavements, making it for pedestrians and residents belonging to the area to even walk here.

The 1-km stretch takes around ten minutes to cross, and leads to at least two commuters falling and getting injured every week.

Raja Reddy, a resident of Nallurahalli, told Bangalore Mirror, "I have raised complaints about this road many times to BBMP officials but no action was ever taken. It h a s been in the same state for a year. Six months ago, when I was riding on my two-wheeler, I slipped and fell into a pit, suffering bruises. I hope BBMP will visit and solve the issue soon."

Arun Kumar, another resident, said, he has been living in this locality for over 10 years.

"I have fallen thrice in just this year but I cannot avoid this road because of traffic congestion on the main road. It is even more dangerous to ride on this road during night as streetlights are not functional most of the time."

Ramakrishna, a retired BBMP Assistant Engineer, said, "There has been pipe installation work of BWSSB for six months and a land dispute in that stretch, which is why the work is getting delayed. This bypass road will be restored soon."

"Once the BWSSB work is finished, they have to asphalt this stretch. When that is done, things will be fine here," said Ravichandra, another BBMP Assistant Engineer.

Nallurhalli means 'the good village'. No, really!
Slippery slope
Residents of the area fear Borewell Road in Nallurahalli is an accident-prone zone if it is not repaired soon

Despite several follow-ups on condition of Nallurahalli roads, authorities are yet to pay attention

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When buying a car, the first thing that attracts you is probably its design. There is a joy that comes with driving a car that you love to look at, but more often than not, looks alone can't win that for you. Engine, comfort, quality, service, all have a part to play in the buying decision. While doing all of this, it is equally important for the car to be a value for money proposition. And to give the buyer more bang for their buck, manufacturers have started loading their cars with features.

NEW TECH

From a time when hatchbacks and C-segment sedans were barely equipped with any features, the automobile industry has come a long way. Most cars today, come with dedicated accessories for convenience, comfort and safety. Advancement in technology has brought features that were once available in luxury cars, into affordable segments as well. The biggest example is the introduction of start/stop technology in cars that cost under Rs 10 lakh. This feature essentially shuts off the engine when the car is stopped, thereby saving fuel in traffic conditions. Some carmakers also use an aluminium block to reduce weight and improve efficiency. These features are highly appreciated in a country where high fuel efficiency holds bragging rights.

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KEYLESS ENTRY

But a majority of the features in cars these days are installed to make driving a convenient affair. Keyless entry and button start reduce the need for finding your key to unlock or start the car. Heighted adjustable driver seat along with tilt and reach adjustable steering wheel have made it extremely easy to find a comfortable driving position. With electrically adjustable ORVMs offered in almost all cars, we have almost forgotten the inconvenience of stretching out to adjust the passenger side ORVM. And then to make parking in tight sports a piece pf cake, manufacturers now provide reverse parking sensors with camera.

ONBOARD ENTERTAINMENT

To feed our need to stay connected, most cars now come equipped with Bluetooth connectivity. Gone are the days when people were forced to rely on aftermarket Bluetooth headsets. The on-board infotainment system now comes with Bluetooth connectivity, thanks to which you can now make/receive calls, play music from your phone, all with a push of a button on the steering wheel.

SAFETY FEATURES

While in India, convenience and connectivity are given prime importance, it is good to see that the equal status is given to safety features as well. With buyers paying close attention to the New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) crash tests, manufacturers are not only forced to improve the structural rigidity, but also offer safety features as standard. A lot of car makers now offer Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) and front two airbags as standard equipment across all variants. In fact, even entry-level hatchbacks now give the option of airbags.

Every manufacturer offers almost all of the aforementioned features in their cars. However, it must be noted that most of these are fitted in the higher variants. In fact, to keep the starting price of cars attractive, manufacturers barely offer any features in them, thanks to which the mid-spec models or the top-end variants end up as better value for money propositions. So before you finally decide on a car to buy, spend time studying brochures of a few models in your budget to find out which one is the best value for money proposition.

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For a smooth run

PROPER UPKEEP OF YOUR FOUR-WHEELER CAN BOOST ITS EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE

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If you thought you need to be great with tools to keep your car in good shape, think again. Here are a few 'hands-free' tips to keep your car running in good shape for a long time. Oil on your jeans and grease on your hands may sound like a cool way to spend the weekend for auto enthusiasts, but this sort of lifestyle is not always possible for everyday commuters. There is a way out, however. Just the way you can keep your body in good shape without being a surgeon, you can keep your car running healthy and problem-free without knowing anything about engines and tools. The drill, incidentally, is very similar to your workout at the gym. Here's how.

OILING IT

Just the way you need to loosen up your muscles and stretch before you get into the groove, your engine needs it too. Long, stationary warm-ups are not the best way to get this done on modern cars though. Just remember to not floor the throttle as you pull out of the parking after a complete night's rest for your car. Stay light on the pedal and don't rev the engine out. Modern oils work quite well even at lower temperatures but do avoid stressing the engine out before the engine has heated up.

THE RUN

If you've been through cardio workouts, you'll know that the human heart increases its efficiency and endurance if the heart rate is elevated and kept there for at least 20 minutes. The engine works in a similar manner, so as far as possible, make sure your first drive in the morning lasts for at least 20 minutes.

When a vehicle sits overnight, moisture and remnants of combustion condense in the oil pan. Starting the car mixes all that together. If you drive for only a handful of minutes, the oil doesn't get hot enough to boil off the moisture and other bad stuff. This is not necessary every single time you drive, but the detox once in a while will elongate your engine life effectively.

IT TELLS YOU

You rush to the doctor the moment you have a runny nose, and the same is recommended with your car. Dripping fluids, strange smells, and unusual sounds that you cannot identify, head to your mechanic soon. This is even more important with your car, since it cannot heal itself. Drippings signal growing problems; and if not addressed quickly, they could mean a big dent in your pocket and lots of bad vibes for your car. Describing symptoms correctly will only help a good mechanic zero in on the problem well.

FUEL MATTERS

Juices and glucose after a workout is the new health norm because it makes sense. Not only does your car lose precious fluids in due course of time, it also needs to be cleaned of impurities from time to time. This includes not only your engine and gearbox oil, but also the brake fluid and power steering fluid. Fortunately, an oil change is much easier than dialysis, so refresh your car's fluids from time to time to keep it in good health.

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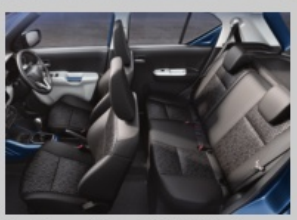
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Funds OK, can work begin already at neglected lake?

Arekere to get fence, jogging path; lake bed to be cleaned and sewage diverted

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One of the most popular lakes of the south zone, the Arekere Lake, spread across 37 acres, and situated on the west side of Bannerghatta Road, is all set to get a makeover. MLA of Bommanhalli Constituency, Sathish Reddy, has sanctioned a Rs 3-crore grant to restore the hitherto neglected lake.

The lake was earlier under the jurisdiction of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), but like most other lakes, it was also brought under the control of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The water body has been in a deplorable condition for years.

Encroached upon since long, the people dump garbage regularly at the lake premises. Residents of the area were worried that the flora and fauna in the area would be impacted. They said that sewage flows into the lake, making it difficult for fish to survive.

Lakshmi K, a resident of the area, said, "The entire area looks unpleasant. It is important that such lakes be preserved. There is no maintenance. We have complained so many times, but no attention was paid to our words."

Arvind Nair, another resident of the area, said, that he has seen people urinating here, which is stinking up the area. "Around the lake, there are beer bottles and also plastic waste lying around. People are also dumping debris and all kinds of construction waste," Nair said.

Raghavendra B Pacchapur who works with ActionAid India, an NGO, said that the only way to prevent encroachment of lake premises is by fencing it. "For fencing, one should not be looking for a rejuvenation plan. If you don't fence it properly, people encroach on the space, and garbage dumping keeps happening. The authorities concerned can wait for the rejuvenation money to come, but for now they can build a gate to stop the dumping."

Garbage is dumped around the Arekere Lake premises

He added that Arekere lake has two entrances that are on the opposite sides of each other.

"Since the entrance is big enough for vehicles to come in, it becomes easy for them to dump garbage. Waste is dumped exactly in front of both the entrances," he said.

Bhagyalakshmi, ex-corporator of Bommanahalli ward said that around 2-3 years back, the lake was set to be rejuvenated, but there were fund issues so the work was not carried out. "Now the MLA has come forward and given grants for the rejuvenation. The work will be taken up by the BBMP. This will include fencing of the lake, creating a jogging path, cleaning the entire lake bed, and creating sewage diversion plans," she said.

> **The authorities concerned can wait for the rejuvenation money to come, but for now they can build a gate to stop the dumping**
> –Raghavendra B Pacchapur, ActionAid

It has also been observed that water from the nearby storm water drain has been flowing into the lake.

"In order to treat the sewage, a sewage treatment plant is said to be installed. BWSSB will carry out the work of diversion of sewage channels and construction of STPs. We will try to address the main issue of sewage going into the lake and then focus on other aspects of increasing biodiversity," said Bhagyalakshmi.

Environmentalist Vijay Nishant elaborated on the importance of the eco-system of the lake. "The surrounding area of Bannerghatta is rich in biodiversity with a large number of trees and different species. Similarly, the space at Arekere Lake can help in the growth of trees and attract many birds and insects."

MLA Sathish Reddy said that over Rs 15 crore has been sanctioned for the development of Arekere lake, Iblur lake, Somasundrapalya lake, Singasandra, and Agara lake. "The work at Arekere lake has already begun," he said.

City's unsung heroes of waste segregation

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Mansoor Ghouse dropped out of school and began his career as a waste picker to support his mother and 5 sisters. Today, he provides employment to 17 people.

Although Ghouse began his journey on a sad note, he is now happy with his contribution to the environment.

"I began my career by collecting waste from 25 households. Now I am able to collect dry waste from 10,500 households of Pattabhirama Nagar ward in Jayanagar Assembly constituency. We collect 2.50 tonnes of dry waste per day," he said.

He emphasises the need of not only segregating waste but keeping dry waste clean before handing it over.

"I appeal to the residents to wash plastic food containers before handing them to waste pickers. It will ensure hygiene and ease for workers to segregate it at the dry waste collection centres," he said, adding that each ward in the city should have one dry waste collection centre.

He has been playing a key role in setting up dry waste collection centres not just in Bengaluru but in neighbouring districts too.

Mansoor Ghouse and Indira's contribution is key to keeping the city clean

"I participate in meetings or events held at colleges and BBMP offices to create awareness among the students and BBMP engineers on the importance of waste segregation. I gave lectures at Jain University and Parikrama, an NGO. As a 5th standard dropout, I never imagined sharing the stage at educational institutions," he said.

Indira, who hails from a slum on JC Road, has been working as a waste picker for more than three decades.

Despite dropping out of school during my childhood without knowing the value of education, I managed to provide schooling to my four children. My daughter Ramyashree passed MA with a distinction. I want to continue to work as a waste picker even after my children are employed," said Indira with a smile.

Recalling her struggle as a waste picker, Indira said that everyone used to look at her with suspicion. "Every one used to look down upon waste pickers in those days, but now, they treat the job with respect," she added.

Ghose and Indira participated in an event organised by BBC Media Action to launch an initiative, Invaluable Recyclers, to highlight the role and contribution of informal waste pickers in Bengaluru's circular economy.

Their contribution is the diversion of a staggering 383,250 tonnes of waste from reaching landfills, by collecting and recycling plastic and other recyclable waste materials generated in the city. It is estimated that there are over 22,500 informal waste pickers who ensure only non-recyclable materials end up at the already overflowing landfills.

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Prostitution racket involving Uganda national busted

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The Women's Protection Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) conducted a raid at a rented house at Doddakannelli in Devarabeesanahalli and arrested a 26-year-old woman who was allegedly running a prostitution racket using a 22-year-old woman. The woman is accused of also selling drugs to customers.

The police have taken into custody the woman identified as Nammudu Bridget, a Uganda national, and rescued the 22-year-old, also said to be from Uganda from the rented house. The sleuths also recovered 42 grams of marijuana from the house along with OCB slim premium rolling papers, a used condom and seven unused ones, along with six smartphones that was used to guide customers to her house, the sleuths said.

Police inspector Durga R, attached to the Women Protection Wing, received a tip-off from one of her informers about the prostitution racket involving foreigners. The informer is said to have seen several clients coming in and going out of the house.

Durga and her subordinate PSI Hanumanthaiah initially verified if the information was genuine, and then formed a team including women police personnel and then conducted a raid around 5.30 pm on Tuesday at the house. The woman who was has been sent to the state-run women's shelter home. According to police sources, Bridget had come to India using a business visa which had expired and she was overstaying in the city and the other woman, the 22-year-old had come on a student visa and her documents required to be verified. Based on the police inspector Durga's complaint, the Bellandur police have registered a case and have also sent summons to the house owner to appear for questioning along with the documents that he had collected while he rented out his house to the foreigners.

Road cave-in: CM orders probe & action

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has instructed the BBMP Commissioner to conduct an inquiry into the caving in of a road that was laid just ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the city. The CM has asked the BBMP chief to probe the shoddy work on the road near the Dr. BR Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) and take action against those responsible. -BMB

HAWK'S EYE VIEW TO CURB WILDLIFE CRIME

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In a bid to take action against wildlife offence cases faster and in a more organised manner, the Karnataka Forest Department is in the process of implementing an IT-based system to streamline such cases.

As per the department's officials, currently, all information related to wildlife crime is not available in an organised format and a new officer joining the team often finds it difficult to know the history of the crime. They often spend precious minutes trying to be acquainted with the case.

The department is implementing the HAWK (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel) software, which is already being used by the Kerala Wildlife Cell and now being customised for Karnataka.

As per the department, the software will ensure effective management and administration of forest and wildlife, will be able to manage animal deaths and issue search warrants automatically. HAWK will also give an overview of all the forest and wildlife-related cases and will eliminate procedural mistakes during the documentation process.

"There is a need to move on to IT-based forest offense management. The conviction and prosecution rate in the case of forest and wildlife crime is low due to the way we have been dealing with these offence cases so far. Our process needs to be in tune with the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). We have not been able to organise our crime records and maintain case diaries. There is also non-uniformity in handling forest offense cases," said an officer from Information Communication Technology, Karnataka Forest Department.

The official was speaking at an event organised by the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST) on the application of IT tools in forestry.

According to Dr MP Singh, director, IWST, there is a huge demand from the country's wood sector to provide IT-based solutions for an accreditation system for the raw material being secured by the industry. The legality of timber is being reinforced in the developed world and thus, there is a pressing demand to have an IT-based management system in India as well.

"We need to have a good IT support system to generate a certificate to demonstrate that they are procuring wood from legitimate sources. The manual system is too cumbersome and time-consuming. We need to shift our forest management system into IT-based applications. It is possible to have an AI-based system that can simulate forest conditions and come up with a standard silviculture system for all to follow across the country. There will ensure a uniform system throughout the country," said Dr Singh.

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I Jagadeesh Mallikarjunappa S/O, Mallikarjunappa Sajjan R/o 113, C-3, Block-2 Sneha Apartment , 1st Main Road, Doctors Layout, B Channasandra, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to Jagadeesh Sajjan

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I, Dinesh Kumar Jain , Residing at # 31, 8th Main Road, Gokula 1st Stage 2nd Phase, Yeshwanthpur Bengaluru-560022, have changed my minor daughter's name from CHAHAT to CHAHAT JAIN vide affidavit dated: 21.06.2022 before notary CHANDRAKALA, Bengaluru.

I, MAHESHA B V S/o B S Venkatappa Gowda, No.22, 5th Cross T C H College Road, Opp R K Building, Kothanoor Main Road Harinagar, Anjanapura, Bengaluru Karnataka- 560062 have changed my name to MAHESH B V vide affidavit dated: 23/6/2022 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

I am Gaurav Kumar S/o Gagan Deo Mahto R/o- Vill-Rohua, Sonabarsa, Sitamarhi, Bihar-843330. I have changed my name from Gaurav Mehta to Gaurav kumar vide affidavit dated- 22/06/2022 Sworn before notary BM Chandrashekar, Bangalore

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At The Wheels On The BMTC Bus

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the issue of stress. However, the results are not a rosy picture.

KM Shantharaju, deputy commissioner of traffic police (east division), told Bangalore Mirror that till the end of May 2022, three accidents involving BMTC buses occurred in the east division that resulted in three deaths, along with 10 non-fatal accidents that left 13 people injured.

Last year, in the east division, 10 accidents involved BMTC buses that killed 11 people whereas 19 non-fatal accidents occurred in 2021 leaving 25 people injured. According to an analysis report by Bengaluru Traffic Police, public and private buses accounted for 46 accidents in 2021.

BMTC buses alone caused 27 fatal accidents, as against seven caused by KSRTC and 12 by private buses. That said, Bengaluru is already known for its traffic congestion and a high number of road accidents.

MN Sreehari, founder and chairman of the Indian Smart City Development Organisation and retired traffic advisor, said training and counselling programmes should be regular and periodical. "They claim that they have conducted counselling for the employees. But all they do is a formality. Once a year, the employees are trained for half an hour; they do not retain any of it even the next day. There are almost 10,000 drivers and bus conductors; only once or twice a year such programmes are conducted by BMTC," Sreehari added.

However, a BMTC official BM spoke to said the training happens year-round and in a continuous manner. There is no mental health counselling for the employees but stress management training is included, according to the official.

"We have provided training to almost 26,500 employees on stress management, gender sensitisation as well as good behaviour with passengers... We have also given training to 1,813 female employees, along with classes in self-defense, utilising the Nirbhaya funds," Sunitha L, public relations officer at BMTC, told BM.

Seven years on, result not out

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positive reply from the authorities but nothing happened till date," he said.

With no hope of any help from the BU authorities, he approached Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) seeking a direction to the BU authorities to declare the results of the Fashion Design paper.

The KSHRC issued an order on June 8, 2022 directing the Bangalore University vice chancellor to resolve the problem and submit a report within six weeks. "I studied MBA at Oxford College. The college gave me a course completion certificate but I am not able to get a suitable job as per my qualification due to the delay by BU in declaring the result of the Fashion Design paper. Had the BU announced the result on time and issued the MBA certificate, I might have got a good job as per my qualification. Now, I have to work as an executive for a lesser salary," he said. He has also approached Karnataka Lokayukta seeking a direction to the BU to declare the result of Fashion Design. The Lokayukta has registered a case. "I do not know when I will get my MBA certificate from BU," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Sudhakar, a member of Bangalore University Syndicate said a meeting was held on the delay in announcing the examination results recently. "BU has constituted a committee to look into the complaints from students on the delay in declaring the examination results," Dr Sudhakar said.

The BU registrar (evaluation) was not available for comment.

HC acquits Belagavi triple murder accused

The Karnataka High Court has acquitted a man charged with triple murders that shook the state in 2015. A woman, along with her two children, was brutally murdered by her paramour Praveen Bhat.

A bench headed by Justice KS Mudagal and Justice MGS Kamal vindicated the accused youth Praveen Bhat of all charges against him on June 21.

The incident had taken place in Kuvempunagar of Belagavi on August 16, 2015. Reena Malagatti, a resident of Kuvempunagar, her son Aditya and daughter were found murdered at their home and the police had arrested Praveen Bhat in connection with the crime. After conducting the trial, the Second District and Sessions Court, had awarded life imprisonment to Bhat on April 16, 2018. APMC Police of Belagavi city had submitted a charge sheet in this regard.

The accused was arrested within 24 hours of the crime. The investigations suggested that the illicit affair between Bhat and Reena Malagatti was the reason for the triple murder.

Praveen Bhat from Uttara Kannada district lived with his parents in Kuvempunagar of Belagavi and studied in a reputed college. Reena and Praveen were known to each other for one year before the incident. Police suspected that as Reena's husband went out of town regularly, the two got into an affair. The police alleged that Bhat who always visited Reena's house from the backside with the help of a rope and never entered from the front door even once. He visited Reena's house twice on the day of the tragedy. It is alleged that Reena forced him to continue the illegal relationship and threatened him to make their affair public. An enraged Praveen allegedly, stabbed Reena with a knife. It was alleged that he smothered one of the kids and dumped the other into a bucket full of water. – IANS

ಷೇರು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಈಗ ಬಿದ್ದಿದೆ
ಈಗಲೂ ಹಣ ಗಳಿಸಬಹುದೇ ?

ಡಾ॥ ಭರತ್‌ಚಂದ್ರ,
ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ತಜ್ಞರು

'ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜನರು ದಿನವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಂಬಳ ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ತಾವು ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಉಳಿತಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಷೇರು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿ ತಾವು ಮಲಗಿರುವಾಗಲೂ ಹಣವನ್ನು ದ್ವಿಗುಣ ಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ' ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅಂತರರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಖ್ಯಾತಿಯ ತರಬೇತುದಾರರಾದ ಡಾ॥ ಭರತ್ ಚಂದ್ರ.

SIPಯ ಚಮತ್ಕಾರ (Systematic Investment Plan)

ಅಮರ್, ಅಕ್ಬರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತೋನಿ ಸಮವಯಸ್ಕರು. ಅಮರ್ ತನ್ನ 25ನೇ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಿಂದ ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೆ ರೂ. 1000/– ಅನ್ನು, ವಾರ್ಷಿಕವಾಗಿ 15% ಲಾಭ ಬರುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಂಪನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೂಡುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದಾಗ 60 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಮಾ ಆದ ಮೊತ್ತ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ. ಅಕ್ಬರ್ 35 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರೆ, ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ ಬೇಕೆಂದಾದರೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಬೇಕಾದ ಹಣ ರೂ. 3500/–, ಅಂತೋನಿ 45ನೇ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕೋಟಿ ಬೇಕೆಂದಾದರೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಂಗಳಿಗೆ ರೂ. 16000ನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ಅದೇ 55ಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದರೆ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತು ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷವನ್ನೂ ಮೀರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇಂದಿನಿಂದಲೇ SIP ಹೂಡಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿ.

ರೋಹನ್ ಚಂದ್ರ
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ನಂಬಿದರೆ ನಂಬಿ, ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಬಿಡಿ. 1993 ರಲ್ಲಿ Infosys ನಲ್ಲಿ 9500 ರೂ. ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರೆ, ಇಂದು 14.67 ಕೋಟಿ. 1980 ರಲ್ಲಿ Wipro ದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದ 10000 ಇಂದು 1116 ಕೋಟಿ. ಹತ್ತು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಷೇರುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣ ಹೂಡಿ, ಇಂದು ಮಾರಿಕೊಂಡರೆ ಬರುವ ಲಾಭ Asian Paints 582%, Titan 865%, Reliance Industries 628%, TCS 405% , Bajaj Finance 6141%

2000ಕ್ಕೂ ಮಿಗಿಲಾಗಿ, ಷೇರು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯ ಬಗೆಗಿನ ಉಚಿತ ವೀಡಿಯೊಗಳನ್ನು ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿ.

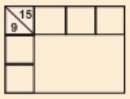
YouTube - Dr. Bharath Chandra Institute Kannada

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

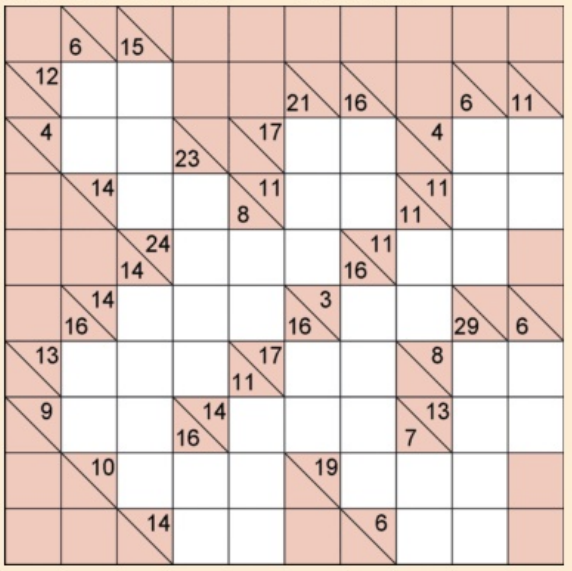
48/4![8-4*(6/4)/6)*10 = ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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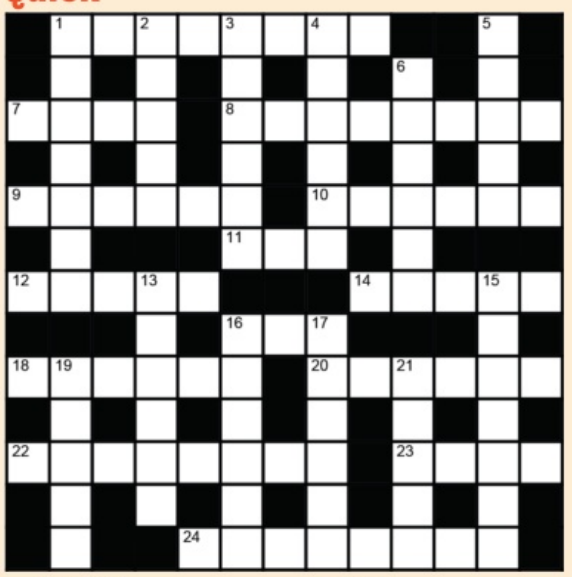


ACROSS

1 Without any bends (8)
7 At the home of, in French (4)
8 50 kms from Bangalore, this area is a favourite for rock climbers (8)
9 French dog breed (6)
10 Alcoholic drink (3-3)
11 Cover for a saucepan (3)
12 Fire residue (5)
14 Stealthy character (5)
16 Soviet secret police (3)
18 Oriental robe (6)
20 Whenever one wishes ? (2,4)
22 Assisting by pushing from below? (8)
23 Obscene (4)
24 Collapsed and sunk (8)

DOWN

1 Educational institutions (7)
2 Burnt down in fire, etc. (5)
3 Jewish state (6)
4 ___ in : confined or restricted the movements of? (6)
5 Texas shrine (5)
6 Vernacular language; buzzwords (6)
13 Self-centred person ? (6)
15 Permitted (7)
16 Capital of Nagaland (6)
17 Long flat-bottomed boats (6)
19 Elephant tusk (5)
21 Ballroom dance (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS G

LNS QESBL LNORQ BIVCL QSLLORQ VKTSE OD LNBL UVC TVR'L KVDS BKK LNS VLNSE BQSD UVC'XS ISSR

Linemaro

Every time I see your smile, I get a tingly feeling in my heart

Mindchow

Most of us don't need a therapist as much as a friend to be silly with

Joke of the day

A scout obeys all to whom obedience is due and respects all duly constipated authorities

Loop

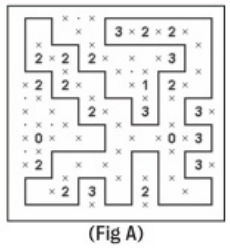
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

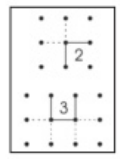
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

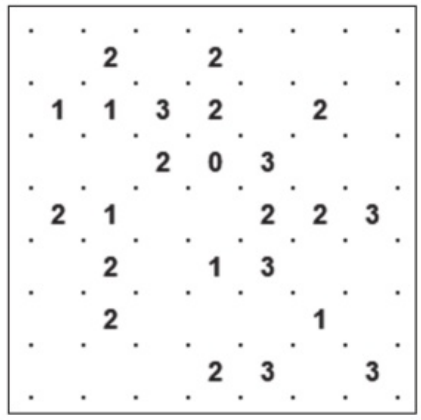
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



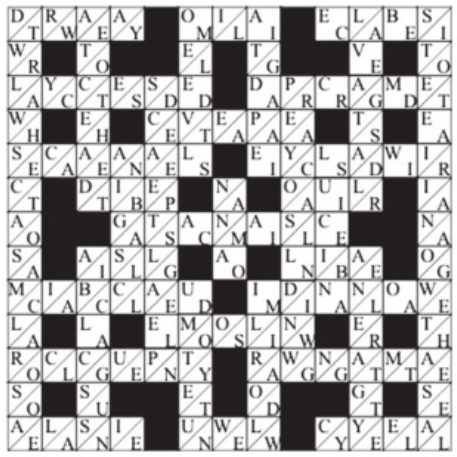
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6 H				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Tecal; 6 Neigh; 7 In die; 8 Eg set; 9 Froth

DOWN

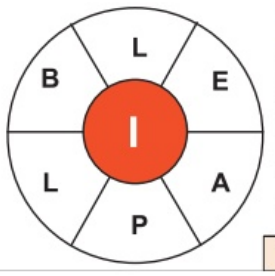
1 Fiche; 2 Log in; 3 E nerd; 4 Gaits; 5 The ET

Mensapuzzle

What number goes into the empty brackets?

98 (79) 126
105 (79) 135
48 (35) 80
34 ( ) 85

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

3			2	5	7			9
		8		1		3		
7								5
	3		7	9	6		4	
		1				7		
	6		1	8	4		5	
1								4
		5		3		6		
2			8	4	1			7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

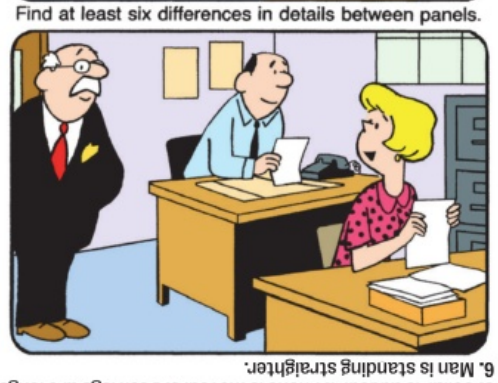
Easy = 13
2 4 7 8

Medium = 7
2 4 6 7

Hard = 25
2 5 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



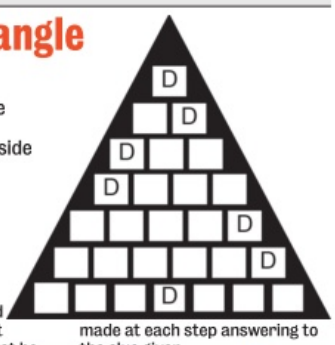
Differences: 1. Paper is missing. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Collar is added. 4. Phone is moved. 5. Desk legs are longer. 6. Man is standing straighter.

Riddler

Below are incomplete words. Place three letters in each bracket so that you can complete the word on the left and begin the word on the right. Good luck. i (_ _ _) lar lat (_ _ _) ror phan (_ _ _) ato indica (_ _ _) toise sc (_ _ _) na thr (_ _ _) egal

Alpha triangle

1 Fourth letter
2 Ego's partner?
3 Great disturbance
4 Eat out
5 Covered on the inside
6 Joined
7 Arouses



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

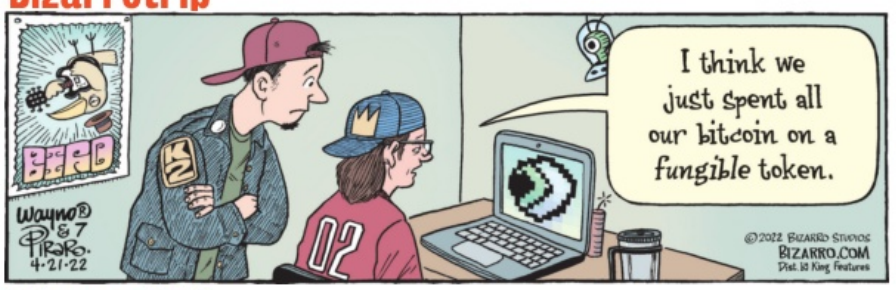
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

IT'S STRANGE THAT NICE MAN WHO TOOK YOU OUT LAST WEEK HASN'T ASKED YOU OUT AGAIN, GRANNY
I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT, EITHER... WE SEEMED TO HAVE SO MUCH IN COMMON
FOR INSTANCE, HIS BRAND OF CHEWING TOBACCO WAS THE SAME AS MINE
4-11

Bizarrotrip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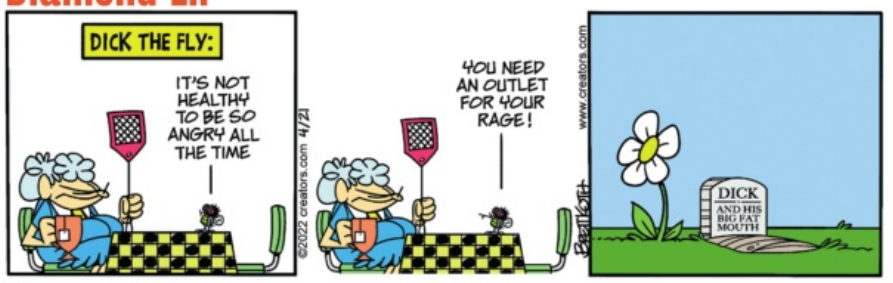
Diamond Lil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IT'S NOT HEALTHY TO BE SO ANGRY ALL THE TIME
YOU NEED AN OUTLET FOR YOUR RAGE!
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DICK AND HIS BIG FAT MOUTH

Hart of the city

I'M STARTING TO GET A TINGLE IN MY THROAT.
MY WHOLE MOUTH FEELS LIKE SAND-PAPER!
SWALLOWING MY SPIT ISN'T HELPING!
MAYBE I HAVE A COLD.
HEART OF THE CITY © 2022 ANDREWS MCMEEL

Crankshaft

GZZZZZZT!!
DON'T PANIC! MY GROW LIGHTS IN THE ATTIC PROBABLY SHORTED OUT.
GROW LIGHTS?
IN THE ATTIC?
BOY, WITH THE TV OFF YOU REALLY NOTICE THE ECHOES IN THE HOUSE!
BATUK & DAVIS
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4-18

Mutts

EARL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE CONSIDERED A "WORKING" DOG, YOU NEED A JOB. WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT?
WELL, I LIKE STAYING HOME, LYING ON THE COUCH AND DOING NOTHING.
YOU COULD BE A CARTOONIST.
4-28

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You may feel dull today. It is advised to keep your mind cool. Remember to think twice before you act. You may need to travel to recover your money which may be lost otherwise. Avoid adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study if success is the goal.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel good today as the moon is on your side. Expect domestic harmony. A meeting with an influential person could help you get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job and can expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property are likely to settle down.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon and should feel healthy and focused on your goals. Your performance at work will be great, making your boss happy. You may get some important responsibilities at work. In legal matters, expect to hear good news. You have the higher ground over opponents and business rivals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You are in a more intellectual state today and may lean towards doing things that can make you gain knowledge. You will keep your temper in check and that is what will help you perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances in terms of smooth earning, which may ease your work flow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money for love. Lovebirds will enjoy happy moments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may feel negativity around you today and your responsibilities could feel like a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete the tasks given to you. Avoid making careless mistakes. Your work efficiency may be a little slow. Try to manage it in order for it to not impact your day. Your projects could face delay. Take advice from your elders before making any important decision.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. Siblings can bring good news. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of your creativity, you can renovate your house or office. You can start new partnerships with a family member, which will be beneficial in the near future. Juniors at the office may help you in terms of a project.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel happiness and peace of mind. The moon favours you today. Efficiently in your professional life is likely to be high and your juniors may cooperate with you to make some important decisions in business. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial in the growth of your business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
The moon has mixed results for you today. You could plan for higher studies to groom your career. Lovebirds may find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment with the spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students are advised to focus on their goals.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may feel detached from your responsibilities today. Be careful when it comes to purchasing worthless items as it may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be a victim of conspiracy. Read documents carefully before putting your signature.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You may enjoy your family and professional life today. Being polite with the people around you will help in smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You can also plan to renovate your house or office.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may enjoy work today. Hard work will reap positive results. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind may make you tired, and due to that, you may not be able to reach some family event. Chronic health issues related to your parents may be cured now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
The moon shines on you today and you may be satisfied at work. You can plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders are likely to show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

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SOLUTIONS

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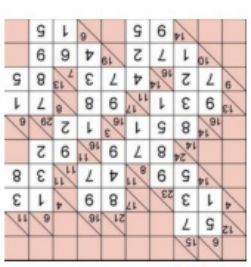

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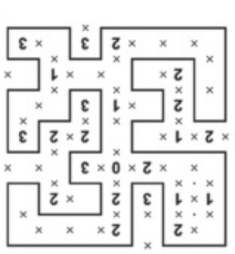


ALPHA TRIANGLE

D, Id, Din, Dine, Lined, Linked, Kindles.

GO FIGURE

Easy
8 × 2 + 4 − 7 = 13
Medium
4 × 2 − 7 + 6 = 7
Hard
3 + 7 x 5 / 2 = 25

SUDOKU

3	1	4	2	5	7	8	6	9
6	5	8	4	1	9	3	7	2
7	2	9	3	6	8	4	1	5
5	3	2	7	9	6	1	4	8
9	6	7	1	8	4	2	5	3
8	4	1	5	2	3	7	9	6
1	8	3	6	7	5	9	2	4
4	7	5	9	3	2	6	8	1
2	9	6	8	4	1	5	3	7

MENSA PUZZLE

25. In the first row divide the numbers outside the brackets by 14 and put the results inside the brackets. Continue in th esameway, but next dividing by 15 and then by 16. In the last row divide by 17.

BULL'S EYE

ball, bile, bill, bilp, liable, libel, pall, pile, pill, PLIABLE

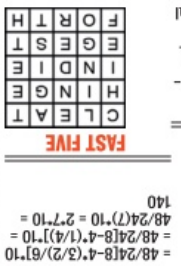
QUICK

STRIKE OUT

SOLVE IN 1M

The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been

FAST FIVE



RIDDLER

idol – dollar, latter – terror, phantom – tomato, indicator – tortoise, scare – arena, thrill – illegal

QUOTE UNCODE

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SOLVE IN 1M

$48/24[8-4*(3/2)/6]*10$
$= 48/24[8-4*(1/4)]*10$
$= 48/24(7)*10 = 2*7*10$
140

FAST FIVE

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 # Choreographer Ganesh Acharya gets bail
A magistrate's court in Mumbai on Thursday granted bail to Bollywood choreographer Ganesh Acharya in a sexual harassment case.

Grand celebration

Actor Jacqueline Fernandez reveals how much fun it was to work on Kiccha Sudeep's big-ticket film

Superstar Kiccha Sudeep's big-ticket release 'Vikrant Rona' is prepping for release later this month, and the makers of the film will be launching the much-anticipated trailer. Kiccha Sudeep, Jacqueline Fernandez, the director Anup Bhandari, and others are on a promotional spree.

B-Town beauty Jacqueline Fernandez, who is part of the cast and has appeared for the song 'Ra Ra Rakkamma' has now shared her experience working with the team. When asked about if it was overwhelming to walk into a ginormous set, which isn't a Hindi film, and work with superstar Kiccha Sudeep, Jacqueline Fernandez said, "Honestly, it was, even after all the work I have done, over these years. When I walked onto the sets of 'Vikrant Rona' for Rakkamma, I wasn't shocked, because this was in 2021, post the second wave, they took necessary precautions, and the amount of work they put into making sure everybody is safe is worth mentioning. I felt like there were a thousand people on the set, it really was magnanimous. It was surreal. I couldn't believe, how perfect the set was."

> **Every person on the set was having a good time. There was a lot of hard work, but still, people were smiling**

She further added, "It was grand, but one thing I want to mention about the way they have done the trailer launch, or while I was shooting for Rakkamma, was everything about working with the team felt like a celebration. From the lighting department to the spot, and VFX, every single person on the set was having a good time. There was a lot of hard work involved, but still, people were smiling." 'Vikrant Rona' will release in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and, Hindi languages, along with other foreign languages.

—ETimes

Cameo stars

Here comes an interesting update from Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawaan', which is written and directed by Tamil director Atlee.

According to the reports, the film will also feature Thalapathy Vijay and Deepika Padukone in cameo roles.

Rana Daggubati will reportedly also play a key role in Shah Rukh's ambitious comeback project after being away for 3 years and releasing his films in theatres. Nayanthara who earlier declined the is playing the female lead in this project.

Shahrukh Khan will be reportedly seen back to back on Indian screens soon as he is doing cameos in several Indian movies such as 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' starring R. Madhavan, 'Laal Singh Chaddha' starring Aamir Khan and Naga Chaitanya. 'Brahmastra' starring Ranbir Kapoor and 'Tiger 3' starring Salman Khan. Meanwhile, SRK's 'Pathaan' is currently in the Post-Production stage, 'Jawan' is on the sets in Hyderabad filming relentlessly. 'Dunki' is yet to commence its shooting. Therefore, Shahrukh is all ready to set the Indian movie screens once again.

Brad hints at retirement

Hollywood star Brad Pitt has dropped a major hint that he might soon be calling quits on his acting career after spending more than 30 years in the entertainment industry.

The Oscar-winning actor told GQ magazine in a profile interview that he is going through the "last semester or trimester" of his career. "I consider myself on my last leg... this last semester or trimester. What is this section gonna be? And how do I wanna design that?" Pitt said. The 58-year-old actor started his journey in Hollywood in the late 1980s and found fame with 1991's "Thelma & Louise". Over the years, he delivered critical and commercial hits such as "Fight Club", "Ocean's" series, "Troy", "Mr & Mrs Smith", "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button", "Inglourious Basterds", "Moneyball", and "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood", for which he won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

Pitt most recently had a cameo in Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum-starrer "The Lost City" and is now gearing up for Sony's action movie "Bullet Train". He will also feature in Damien Chazelle-directed epic "Babylon", co-starring Margot Robbie, and an Apple Original Films' thriller opposite George Clooney for filmmaker Jon Watts.

—PTI